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THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.

Whenever this law has been enforced in the North, difficulties have arisen in the shape of threatened rescues by mob force. No longer than last week in Philadelphia an alleged fugitive slave was retained in the hands of his captors, only by the exhibition of a strong police force. It seems to us, and we think every reasonable man must so view it, that these impediments to its enforcement are occasioned not so much from the law being obnoxious, as from the fact that our people consider it unconstitutional. Even so eminent a Statesman as Henry Clay, thought it unconstitutional, and at the time of its passage, expressed the hope that its provisions would be modified.

As the law now stands, we do not wonder at its unpopularity. An alleged fugitive slave is arrested; he is taken with indecent if not brutal haste, before an United States Commissioner—an individual whose measure of pay for the service of sending back the alleged fugitive—being double if rendition takes place—would alone, in a degree bias his judgment. Individual decisions are at all times, and in all cases, questionable authority. They should be considered so particularly, in legal cases affecting the life, liberty and happiness of a human being.

The thief at the bar of justice, demands and receives a trial by jury, while the alleged fugitive slave is placed at the mercy of a single government official, whose judgment and feeling are not as impartial as the judgments and feelings of twelve men sworn to do justice between man and man, and who have no personal interest in the result. We believe that a Northern jury would do its sworn duty in a case of this kind, and that Southern slave-holders in pursuit of their fugitives, would have less difficulty in recovering their property than they experience at present.

The North does object, and we think, justly, to the brutal scenes often enacted in its midst, in the capture and rendition of fugitive slaves, and we are sure that the excitement attendant upon them will not cease, until a clause empowering a hearing by jury shall be inserted in the law. Give the slave as fair a chance for liberty as the thief receives. It is not only cowardly, but we think the history of the Fugitive Slave Law shows it to be impolitic, to deny it.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

—As the Senatorial term of Speaker Francis expired with the present Legislature, the Opposition Senators met in caucus on Saturday last for the purpose of nominating a new Speaker.—We are gratified to state that the choice fell, as was anticipated, upon Hon. Robert M. Palmer, the able Senator from this County.—Upon no gentleman more deserving, more capable, or who would occupy the position with more dignity, could the choice have fallen. His Senatorial services to Schuylkill county have been many and valuable, and his constituents are proud of his preferment. Speaker Francis retires with the respect of every Senator on the floor.

Since the above had been placed in type, we learn that Mr. Palmer was elected on Tuesday by the following vote:

For Mr. Palmer—Messrs. Baldwin, Benson, Connell, Finney, Gregg, Hall, Irish, Ketchum, Landon, McClure, Meredith, Miller, Parker, Penney, Rutherford, Shaffer, Smith, Thompson, Yardley, Francis, Speaker.—17.

For Mr. Miller—Messrs. Bell, Blood, Craig, Crawford, Keller, Marselis, Palmer, Schell, Schindel, Turner, Welsh.—9.

The vote being announced, the newly elected Speaker was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Francis and Miller, and addressed the Senate as follows:

SENATORS: For the honor you have conferred upon me, accept my sincere thanks.—During my senatorial career I have earnestly endeavored to command your respect and esteem; and this high mark of your confidence, assuring me that I have succeeded, inspires me with feelings of profound gratification.

During the busy session which is about to close, we have been compelled in the discussion and disposition of the various measures brought to our attention, to the expression of differences of views and opinions, and it is with pride and pleasure I recall the fact, that in all the ardor of debate no unpleasant personality, no indecorous word or act, from one Senator to another upon this floor, has marred the propriety and decency of our proceedings. This I am sure, is as gratifying to you as it will be satisfactory to the people whom you represent. May the Senate of Pennsylvania long continue in this respect a worthy example to other legislative bodies.

Some of the measures of the present session are of the most grave and important character, and will mark this Legislature either for good or evil—we may sincerely hope for good—among those which have preceded it. Of these measures your action upon the report of the commissioners appointed to codify and revise the penal laws and practice in criminal cases, and upon the bill to establish a system of free banking, will hold prominent place. Whatever experience may show with regard to the practical workings of the latter of these most important laws, I desire here to bear witness to the industry, fidelity, and ability with which the former was considered in the committee of this body having it in charge, and upon the floor of the Senate. Should it prove defective, it will not be for want of the strictest attention on your part to all its details.

As we are now about to separate and return to our constituents, to render to them an account of our doings, it is pleasant for us to reflect that probably no body of men who ever met together in a legislative capacity, separated with more entire cordiality and good feeling toward each other.

Here, in the midst of heated discussion, and direct collision of opinions, many warm heart friendships have been formed which will continue during our lives, and these without regard to political or party affiliations.—Those retiring Senators, whose official terms close with the present session, will be followed to the bosoms of their families, and the more quiet comforts of private life and business, by the kindly regard of us all, while those of us who shall be called by our official engagements to return at the next session will look forward to our personal reunion with feelings of unalloyed pleasure.

Before our next meeting the State and Union will have passed through what will probably prove one of the most exciting, as it certainly will be one of the most important, political campaigns that this country has ever experienced, and in it some of us will be called upon to bear a part. In all the turmoil of the contest let us not forget that we are Pennsylvanians, and bear ourselves towards our opponents as Pennsylvania gentlemen, remembering, from our experience here, that the courtesies of life are not at all inconsistent with honest differences of opinion nor at all in conflict with the faithful support of principles.

Whatever the result of the approaching political campaign may be, there will be entire agreement among us upon at least two main and vital propositions. So far as Pennsylvania is concerned, she will insist upon fair, full, and adequate protection to her industrial interests, and the interests of labor everywhere, and no matter what party may succeed in electing the next President of the United States, or what candidate may be selected to fill the chair of Washington and Jefferson, there shall be no rebellion or cavil with her consent against the fairly expressed will of the people, but the Constitution, and the Union of the States under it, must be faithfully and inviolably sustained and perpetuated.

Agreeing together upon these great questions, we may safely leave the decision of others of minor importance to the enlightened freemen of our common country, relying upon that benign Providence who has thus far protected and succored us in all perils, and blessed us abundantly above every other people, to continue that protection and those blessings.

Senators! again thanking you from an overflowing heart for the distinguished honor conferred upon me by your kindness, I respectfully request that you designate one of your number to administer to me the official obligation provided for by the Constitution.

THE bill to prevent the recovery of debts for the sale of adulterated liquors, has become a law by the signature of the Governor.

THE TRUE POLICY FOR A NEW COUNTRY.

—In a speech recently made to the Legislative Corps of France by the half brother of Napoleon III., Count de Morny, on the occasion of the commercial treaty between France and England, the truth upon the question of Free Trade and Protection was stated with a clearness and cogency that could not well be surpassed. We quote a brief but comprehensive passage:

Free trade may, it appears to me, be considered as the object to which society is tending, but protection must be the means of arriving at it. Suppose free trade established in a new and poor country, what will that country produce? I do not deny but that it can develop some favored industry by a natural privileged situation, but foreign competition would stifle in their bud all those things which it requires in order to prosper—capital, skillful workmen, experienced overseers, easy communication, and a good market—in fact, all the conditions which time alone can give. A transition, consequently, is indispensable, and to preach free trade to a country which does not enjoy all these advantages is nearly as equitable as to propose to a child to contend with a grown man.

This is the genuine doctrine, and precisely the same that we have preached for years.—We commend it, as it is expressed by Count de Morny, to all theoretic free traders who are capable of reflecting on the subject.

GOOD GRACIOUS.—Poor Fernon charges us in some of his usual *chaste* language, with taking matter from his paper without giving credit. It is true we have taken some matter occasionally from his paper—which we knew he had taken from others without the usual credit, and of course he is not entitled to any. But this charge comes with a very bad grace from one who absolutely pilfered our Statistical Coal Tables bodily,—which we had prepared for years, and which had cost us a great deal of labor—without one particle of credit; and we believe almost every journal of a similar character, published in other cities, have charged him with pilfering from their columns without credit. Even last week he pilfered an article of nearly a column from another paper without one particle of credit. The truth is, you cannot make anything decent out of the fellow. He is not only mean and dirty in the grain, but bitter and vindictive, and the citizens of Philadelphia acted wisely when they discarded him from all official positions in which his Locofoco friends placed him—and if he don't soon discard the dirty language used in his paper, all decent people who take and *read it*, will discard the *Register* also as a *filthy nuisance*.

PHILADELPHIA M. E. CONFERENCE.—It closed its labors on Friday, 30th ult., after an interesting session of nine days. Union Church, Philadelphia, was selected as the place for holding the next session. The following ministerial appointments are for this County:

Pottsville,	J. W. Mecaskey.
Port Carbon,	J. H. Turner.
Mt. Carbon,	E. S. Chew.
New Castle,	J. Era Sneath.
Minersville,	J. F. Meredith.
Tremont and Donaldson,	W. C. Best.
Schuylkill Haven,	L. B. Beckley.
Orwigsburg,	W. W. Wythes.
Tamaqua,	C. Walters.

Mr. H. E. Gilroy, late of this Borough, has been appointed to Front street Church, Philadelphia.

The following statistics of the Conference for the year are interesting:

Total members,	47,935
Increase,	1,824
Deaths,	669
Probationers,	1,957
Baptisms—Adults,	1,440
Children,	4,683
Churches,	583
Value,	$1,609,850
Parsonages,	64
Value of Parsonages,	$156,461
Total Benevolent Purposes,	46,877 81
Increase—Sunday Schools,	19
" Officers and Teachers,	561
" Children,	3,625
" Books in Library,	13,533
" Conversions,	217

AMONG the petitions presented to the House at Washington, a few days since, were the following:

By Mr. CAMPBELL: The memorial of E. McDonald, William A. Skeen, and 20 others, citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, asking for the enactment of a tariff law giving increased and specific duties to all articles of American production or labor requiring increased protection.

Also the petition of Daniel Hill, John Jennings, and 36 others, for the same purpose.

Also, the petition of Bernard Glunty, Thos. Wren, and 23 others, for the same purpose.

Also, the petition of Jacob Matthews, William F. Patterson, and 25 others, for the same purpose.

Also, the petition of Esau J. Thomas, Thomas Argall, and 53 others, for the same purpose.

Also, the petition of Henry Hahn, John Hunter, and 22 others, for the same purpose.

Also, the petition of John S. Boyer, Thomas Jones, and 22 others, for the same purpose.

B. H. BREWSTER, one of Ten Cent Jimmy's Slave Catchers, was serenaded in Philadelphia by some of the officers of the Government, at the head of which was Mr. Baker, Collector of that Port. Mr. Brewster is reported to have said in his speech as follows:

Then, I say again, that which I have before said, this institution of domestic servitude, is a great political necessity—social and commercial necessity; and I will also add, that I firmly believe it to be politically right, socially right, and morally right. It is the law of God, as well as the law of man. It requires no defence.

A man living in the nineteenth century who utters such sentiments, is unfit to be a freeman—he ought to be a slave. We think the Philadelphians ought to put a collar around his neck, blacken his face, and sell him to some nigger driver. Such a man is unfit to live among white freemen. He is a disgrace to the North.

FOREIGN AGENTS AND IMPORTERS IN THE FIELD.—It is said that Auguste Belmont, Agent for the Rothschilds, and the Agents of Foreign Manufacturers, located in New York, sent at least $50,000 into Connecticut during the last election to break down the Republican Protection Party and aid the success of the Free Trade Democracy. It is an established fact, that upwards of *one million of dollars* were subscribed by European manufacturers in 1844 to aid the Democracy in obtaining power and to destroy the Tariff of 1842, which was accomplished, and now they are entering the field again in order to prevent the re-enactment of Protection to American Industry. How can any man who has any regard whatever for the interest and prosperity of his country, aid in establishing the ascendancy of the so-called Democracy for such a purpose?

THE annexation of Savoy and Nice to France is looked upon with much distrust in England. The most seemingly dangerous consequence of the annexation is that France thus to some extent perils the power and independence of Switzerland, "the frontier of Upper Savoy projecting like a tongue between Switzerland and Piedmont," and the enemies of Napoleon are ready to affirm that the spoliation of Switzerland will be a certain consequence of such an opportunity. It is only in this view however, that any real importance attaches to the annexation of Savoy to France. It is thought that Savoy and Nice will be annexed to France by an act of cession, the whole transaction being confined to a private agreement between the two governments of France and Sardinia.

LIEUT. BARTLETT, the father in law of Senor Oviedo, who was for some time prominently before the public in connection with the wedding of his daughter and the affair of honor with Mr. Stedman, has been so highly incensed by a recent article in the *Home Journal*, that he has demanded satisfaction. It seems to us that the Lieutenant is sadly lacking in both taste and judgment, or he would permit that vulgar affair, the notorious diamond wedding, to sink into obscurity, and be forgotten. The public will only laugh at him, as long as he permits himself to become excited at every harmless newspaper reference to the affair.

ALL HAIL! CONNECTICUT.

Britons and Threats alike Repudiated.

FREEDOM VICTORIOUS.

On Monday last there was fought in Connecticut one of the fiercest battles the soil of New England ever remembers; and the Republicans were completely triumphant.—Money in floods, threats of Pro Slavery proscription in their industry and its products, menaces of a dissolution of the Union if they were not beaten, an enormous Naturalization, and we fear, a heavy illegal vote, mainly polled by means of bogus certificates of legal residence in towns other than those wherein they appeared and voted, have swelled the Pro-Slavery poll enormously beyond the actual strength of the Sham Democracy, but without avail. Col. Thos. H. Seymour, the Democratic candidate for Governor, besides, was nominated as the most popular man in the State, and it was intimated strongly, that if he should be elected, that the Charleston Vice Presidential nomination would be at his command. He has been abroad for some time; was not identified personally, with the proscription of the Buchanan Administration, and it was supposed quite reasonably, by the Democracy, that if any man could carry the State, it was Seymour. But all honor to noble Connecticut! She has elected Wm. A. Buckingham, the Republican candidate for Governor; the rest of the Republican State ticket; while the Republicans have gained heavily in the Legislature. This secures the return to the U. S. Senate of the Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, or some other good and true Republican, for six years from the 4th of March next.

The total vote exceeds 86,000. The high est ever before cast (that for President in '56) was 80,325. The increase is nearly all in the cities and populous manufacturing towns.

UNDENIABLE MATTERS OF HISTORY.—During this period of stagnation in business, and when we are looking anxiously for the passage of a modified Tariff bill by Congress, it is well to appreciate the fact that since the institution of the American system of Protection every increase in the duties was originated by the Opposition to the Sham Democracy, while every reduction has been made by the Dempcrncy. There has besides, never been a Southern Democratic vote recorded for Protection. Furthermore, at this session of Congress when Mr. Morrill endeavored to present his Tariff bill, every Administration Democrat in the House with the exception of three, voted against it. And finally, the Democracy of this State openly affirm that the party is not in favor of an Adequate Protective Tariff, and that it cries Tariff in election times, to humbug the people.—These are facts for the people of Pennsylvania to think over. As the South composes three fourths of the Democratic party, and is bitterly antagonistic to Protection, what can be expected of the party? Absolutely nothing but opposition to the interests of Pennsylvania. Are the people of Pennsylvania prepared to be deceived in 1860, as they were in 1844? We earnestly hope not.

As our citizens are aware, the Court of this County has often complained in reply to the presentments of the Grand Juries, that it had no power to regulate beer-houses, in which so much bad whisky is sold, and so much crime originated.

In view of this fact, we are gratified to state that the following bill has passed both Houses of the State Legislature, and gone to the Governor for his signature. Its provisions if it becomes a law, will enable the Court to lessen the number of beer houses in Schuylkill County, and regulate those left:

AN FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE OF VICTUALING LIQUORS, APPROVED THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH, ANNO DOMINI, ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:* That from and after the passage of this act, the Court of every county shall be authorized to grant licenses to keep inns, taverns, hotels and restaurants in the counties of Montgomery and Schuylkill, shall be licensed by the several courts of quarter sessions of the said counties in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions that keepers of hotels, inns or taverns are licensed.

SECTION 2. That all laws inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That all persons who may have violated any of the existing laws relating to the sales of domestic wines, malt and brewed liquors, and are prosecuted therefor, shall be dealt with according to the laws existing prior to this act.

MANSION HOUSE, ATLANTIC CITY.—Our old friend, Col. Thayer, formerly of the Surf House, at this fashionable watering place, has taken the Mansion House, which is to be largely extended for the accommodation of private families. While proprietor of the Surf House, the Colonel kept decidedly the best house at Atlantic City, and we confidently recommend him to the patronage of those who desire all the comforts and conveniences possible to be obtained at the sea shore. The Colonel is moderate in his terms, and charges only *one price* and no others, which is an important feature. The Mansion is open already, and will remain open the whole year as will be observed by an advertisement in the JOURNAL.

AUBURN AND ALLENTOWN RAILROAD.—Contracts for grading the heavy portions of this Road will be received on the 10th inst., at the Engineer's Office at Allentown. See advertisement.

WE are indebted to the Hon. James H. Campbell for a copy of the New Tariff Bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1860.—April.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
7 SATURDAY,....	5 33	6 30	D. H. M.
8 SUNDAY,.....	5 31	6 31	Full M. 5 5 4 ev
9 MONDAY,.....	5 30	6 32	Third Q. 12 6 38 ev
10 TUESDAY,.....	5 28	6 33	New M. 21 0 48 m
11 WEDNESDAY,..	5 26	6 34	First Q. 28 9 40 m
12 THURSDAY,....	5 25	6 35	
13 FRIDAY,.....	5 24	6 36	

Thermometrical Record for the Week.

P. R. & P. TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville.

	8 A. M.	2 P. M.	7 P. M.	
Mar. 31—Saturday,	46°	67°	57°	clear.
Apr. 2—Monday,	53	44	43	"
" 3—Tuesday,	35	48	49	cloudy.
" 4—Wednesday,	54	53	57	clear.
" 5—Thursday,	61	62	60	"
" 6—Friday.	50	55	49	cloudy.

"Backed Down."—The Reading champion blacksmith. "Who's the next customer?

Frank Carter, Mining Engineer, is now located in Second street, east side, between Market and Norwegian.

Practising Party.—Prof. Frank Stoach will give one of his pleasant practising parties, on Thursday evening next, the 12th inst., in the Town Hall.

That maple sugar of Sichter & Thompson, is a prime article—so the *Journal* hands decide, and they are recognized connoisseurs of everything sweet from a pretty girl down to the product of the "Land of Steady Habits," now for sale at S. & T.'s. S. & T. have also, Spalding's Prepared Glue, which sticketh closer than a brother.

Choice Fruit.—A fine lot of Pear, Plum, Cherry and Apple Trees, both dwarf and standard trees. Also, Peach, Apricots, Nectarines, Quince, Siberian Crab Apples, &c., together with Silver Maples, Horse Chestnuts, Sycamores, Abelas, English Linden, Weeping Lindens, Elms, &c., can be had at B. Bannan's Nursery on Greenwood Hill, Pottsville.

Yeger's Hotel.—This Hotel, formerly the Pottsville House, has been opened to the public by Mr. Joseph M. Yeger. The house has been refitted at considerable expense, and Mr. Yeger has now ample room to accommodate transient and permanent guests. On Monday Mr. Yeger entertained at dinner a large number of his friends, and there was but one opinion expressed—that he can keep a hotel.

The Pottsville Cornet Band will give a Concert (vocal and instrumental,) at the Court House, (assisted by all the approved musical talent of the County,) on the evening of April 20th, to assist them to purchase three silver instruments to complete the present set.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Mahanoy and Broad Mountain Railroad, held at the Exchange Hotel, in this Borough on Monday last, John P. Brock, Esq., was elected President, and Samuel Grant, Burd Patterson, John Brock, John Gibson, Davis Pearson, F. Dutton Steele, George S. Keppler, Joseph S. Lewis, John Bancroft, F. B. Koercher, Jacob Huntsinger, Jr., and H. C. Gibson were elected directors.

White Horse Hotel.—We observe that Messrs. W. J. Mack and Jesse Drumheller have taken this old established and popular tavern stand, at Centre and Mahantango streets, this Borough. They have enlarged the house, refitted it with new furniture, and as they are young and enterprising gentlemen, we have no doubt that they will secure to the "White Horse," as fair a share of patronage as it secured in its palmiest days.

At a regular stated meeting of Pottsville Division No. 52, Sons of Temperance, held at their hall on Wednesday evening, March 28th, 1860, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing quarter:

W. P., O. C. Boobyshall; W. A., Stephen Cartwright; R. S., George G. Boyer, (re-elected); A. R. S. Louis A. Bright; F. S., Jno. J. Hetherington, (re-elected); T., Jeremiah Reed, (re-elected); C., D. Richards; A. C., James Greenwood; I. S., Alfred Bindley; O. S., J. Lord; Chap., R. Edwards; A. Chap., E. Bausum.

Chess Tournament.—A meeting of Chess players held on Monday evening last at the Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville, after Mr. Thomas H. Walker had been called to the chair, and Mr. Wm. Thompson had been selected Secretary, a resolution was unanimously adopted whereby Messrs. Wm. Thompson, Henry Edmonds, Samuel Koch and Henry Pleasants were appointed a Committee to ascertain the number of players, and to make such suggestions as they may see fit, respecting the plan of holding the Tournament.—Adjourned to meet at the Pennsylvania Hall, on Monday, April 9th, at two o'clock P. M.

Military Funeral.—On Sunday afternoon last, the remains of John Stringer, a private in Company B., First Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers of the Mexican War, who died in this Borough on Friday, were interred with military honors, in the Old Fellows' Cemetery. The companies in line were, Washington Artillerists, Scott Rifles, Washington Yeagers and National Light Infantry, the whole forming an imposing *cortege*. The surviving soldiers of the War, to the number of fifteen, were the guard of honor, under command of Major James Nagle. The firing at the grave was executed by the Washington Artillerists. The Pottsville Cornet Band played impressively, a funeral dirge, during the passage of the procession to the Cemetery.

The following sprightly poem is from the pen of our much esteemed poetical friend, the "Buckville Blacksmith." It is a little gem, neatly set:

THE FAIRIES.—A Song.

In the silvery moonlight,
Sporting merrily
Dancing on the greensward,
'Neath the old oak tree;
Little laughing fairies,
Ever blythe and gay,
Revelling through midnight,
Flitter the away.

Drinking from the dew-drops,
That hang up in the flowers;
Swinging on the green leaves,
In the shady bowers;
And when smiling morning
Peeps the night away;
Deep among the rose-leaves,
Sleeping through the day.

Happy, sportive, creatures,
Free from every care;
Life to them is joyousness,
Ever bright and fair;
Oh, to be a fairy!
Frolicsome and gay;
Underneath the moonbeams,
Dancing life away.

NEWERE, *March 20th* 1860.

Military.—The National Light Infantry, Capt. E. McD. said, will parade on Monday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for target-practice.

The Washington Artillerists, Capt. James Wren, paraded on Thursday last to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the birth-day of their Instructor, M jor James Nagle. They also had target practice at the old basin, Market street, and made decidedly the best target we ever saw made with muskets. The first prize, a gold medallion, presented by a lady to the corps, was won by Private William J. Hinkle, whose first shot drove the nail in the bull's eye. Mr. Hinkle was closely pressed however, for the honor of winning the medallion, by Private Washington Reifsnyder, who put in two excellent shots near the centre.—He was beaten by Mr. H. only by about an inch. Mr. Reifsnyder took the second prize,—medallion portrait of Major Nagle. The third prize—original silver prize medal of the corps—was won by Lieutenant Francis B. Wallace.

At a meeting of the Washington Artillerists, held in their armory on Thursday, April 5th, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the lady who so kindly presented the Company with a handsome prize medallion.

Organization of a People's Club.—A meeting of all parties opposed to the present Administration; in favor of Protection to American Industry, and in favor of the Homestead Bill, was held at the American House, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of organizing in this Borough a People's Party Club.

JOHN P. BERTRAM was called to the Presidency; Jacob Hixon, Charles Frailey, S. Hirts and John Leonard were elected Vice Presidents, and HENRY R. EDMONDS was elected Secretary.

A committee of seven was appointed to draft a Constitution and Bye-Laws for the government of the Club. The President appointed Lin. Barthelomew, Jeremiah Reed, John T. Shoener, John Miller, M. Richards, Thomas F. Beatty and J. S. Fister said committee.

Benjamin Bannan, Charles Frailey, Jacob A. Hixen and Thomas F. Beatty, severally, in eloquent speeches addressed the meeting—the latter named gentleman being peculiarly happy in his remarks.

The meeting then adjourned till next Tuesday evening, April 10th, when the "People's Party" is requested to meet at the same time and place, to receive the report of said committee, and complete the organization of the Club.

The Borough Council.—A stated meeting of the Borough Council, was held on Tuesday evening, April 3d. Present, Messrs. Harwood, Mennig, Inners, Kiessle, Nagle, Fallnagle, Christian, Boone, McGirran, and Mr. Nagle, President, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Com. of Lamp and Watch reported lamps on East Market street, finished; in favor of lamp at M. Weaver's; in favor of three lamps in Jalappa; reported the discharge of Henry Quinn as watchman for intemperance, and neglect of duty, and the substitution of Jacob Merwine in his place. Special Com. on subject of duplicates of J. Seltzinger, formerly Borough tax collector, made report, showing $2431 84 due on duplicate of 1857, and $3756 45 due on duplicate of 1858; aggregate amount due, $8,188 29. Report accepted, and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Kiessle offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee be invested with authority to consult counsel, and to make such arrangements with Jeremiah Seltzinger and his sureties as may seem to them most conducive to the interests of the Borough.

Adopted.

Mr. Boone offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Burgess be requested to attend to the condition of the side walk in the rear of Joseph McCool's lot in Norwegian street, and have the nuisance abated.

Adopted.

Mr. Inners offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to charge Mr. Seltzinger with the interest and credit him with the commissions as reported by the Committee on the settlement of the duplicates of 1857 and 1858.

On motion of Mr. Fallnagle the Com. of Lamp and Watch was instructed to place a lamp at M. Weaver's. On motion of Mr. Christian, same Com. was instructed to place three lamps where needed in Jalappa. On motion of Mr. Fallnagle the Street Com. was instructed to open East Railroad street, in accordance with the order of Court; and was directed to invite proposals for the grading of the street in three distinct sections, and let the same to the lowest and best bidder.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

T. C. Boyle,	$43 62
Frank Pott,	17 93
C. Worman,	28 75
H. H. Sterner,	9 93
Mrs. Diess,	11 00
Four watchmen,	124 00
A. Shilling,	7 00
Previous Issue,	$242 23
	9,147 49
Total,	$9,449 72
Adjourned.	

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

Dunbar is in New York last week, 446.

Major F. N. [illegible], U. S. A., died at Fort Smith, Arkansas, March 24th.

The more a dentist's practice increases, the oftener he "draws down in the mouth."

Gov. Black, of Nebraska, reports that there are forty thousand inhabitants in that Territory.

A man died in St. Louis, the other day, from the shock to his nervous system produced by a fit of rage.

John Columbus, aged 28 years, was executed in New York, on Friday last, for the murder of Dennis McElligott.

The Senate of New York has passed a bill to provide for the more certain punishment of frauds by bankers and brokers.

The Canadian Governor has announced its intention to repeal the duty on books imposed at the last session of Parliament.

"What are you looking after, my dear?" said a very affectionate mother to her daughter. "A man-in-law for father," she replied.

James Johnson, an Englishman, 23 years of age, was arrested in Boston, on Friday, charged with murdering three men in in Calcutta.

Why is a man climbing up Mount Vesuvius like an Irishman who wished to kiss his sweetheart? Because he wants to get at the mouth of the crater.

Howell Cobb requests to be considered "out" in the game to be played in Charleston. Gov. Wise made the same "request" sometime ago, and has been counted "out" ever since.

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